



FORT LEONARD WOOD RETIREE COUNCIL

Retirement Services Office

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MINUTES OF MEETING 17 FEBRUARY 2005

Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman, Command Sergeant Major Julius Nutter, USA (Ret) at 0900 hours.

**Members present:**

BG Arvid E. West, Jr, USA (Ret), Co-Chairman  
COL James H. Kuhn, USA (Ret)  
LTC John D. Abshier, USA (Ret)  
LTC Mary Bess, USA (Ret)  
LTC Norbert F. Pohlman, USA (Ret), Chairman, Quincy, IL Area Council  
CSM Harold G. Baxter, USA (Ret)  
CSM Julius B. Nutter, USA (Ret), Co-Chairman  
CSM Mack E. Williams, USA (Ret), Chairman, Springfield Area Council  
1SG Olan Payne, USA (Ret)  
1SG Steven G. Shepard, USA (Ret)  
SR MSG Jeanie V. Kellas, USAF (Ret)  
SFC Joseph P. Krill, Jr., USA (Ret)  
SFC George N. Launius, USA (Ret)  
SP6 William L. Shy, USA (Ret)

**Members excused:**

COL J. Brian Morrissey, USA (Ret)  
CAPT Don W. Marshall, USPHS (Ret)  
MAJ G. Michael Warren USA (Ret)  
LTC Mary Bess, USA (Ret)  
1SG Wilmetta J. Herbert, USA (Ret)  
SFC Donald J. Price, USA (Ret)  
SSG Gerald A. Dawson, USA (Ret)  
Spouse Cheryl R. Buckmaster

### **Members absent:**

MAJ Wayne Strohschein, USA (Ret)  
LT Melbern J. Robinson, USA (Ret)  
SSG Gerald A. Dawson, USA (Ret)

### **MANSCEN STAFF**

Ms Susan Halter, Deputy, Garrison Command  
Mr. Jeff Cox, Assistant, Chief of Staff

### **Guest Present:**

Jim Nunley, Deputy Director, DMWR  
Beverly Rowe, MILPO  
Jan Pohlman, Spouse

1. Members were thanked for being present. Guests were introduced and welcomed
2. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the meeting of 18 November 2004.
3. Committee Reports
  - A. Retiree Assistance – CSM Baxter reported on the current active volunteers.
  - B. Health Care Board – LTC Abshier reported on Soldier Care, pharmacy improvements, and prescription waiting times. The front door of the hospital will be opening soon and will provide for better traffic flow. Medical care for reservists is being expanded.
  - C. Installation Commissary/Post Exchange Advisory Council – New commissary has been well received. The new Post Exchange is scheduled to open in the fall of 2006. It will be twice the size of the current PX. The food court will have a Church's Chicken and Burger King.
  - D. Morale, Welfare and Recreation Advisory Council – SFC Krill – minutes of their last meeting were presented for information and discussion.
  - E. Retiree Council Financial Statement – CSM Nutter reported that currently the account has \$3, 724.41. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report.
  - F. Widowed Support Program – LTC Bess is attempting to get updated widow list for contact and follow-up by the Widowed Support Group. A reminder is

that the program is open to those outside the local community and outside of the military.

- G. Legislative – BG West & CSM Williams – reported that education assistance is being expanded. Indicated Missouri tax relief on military pay has been raised.

4. **Area Council Reports:**

- A. Quincy – LTC Pohlman – Identification cards are scheduled to be available in June for retirees 75+.
- B. Springfield – CSM Williams – reported on their group involvement in legislative concerns. Quality health care for veterans is a must. There are higher limits on VA home loans. Scholarship program for children of parent killed in combat is available. House bill #416 exempting military retirement pay from state income tax needs more support. HR #602, free medical care for veterans, needs support
- C. St. Louis – SFC Price – absent.

5. **Old Business**

A. RAD Sub-Committee reports:

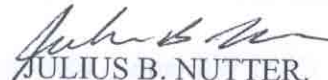
- 1. Retiree of the Year – Nominations are currently being accepted. Selection will be made on 17 May 05.
- 2. Dinner menu – cost set at \$12.00 per person but people will be charged \$10 in advance and \$12 at door.
- 3. Prizes – MWR needs to be contacted for assistance.

B. Other Old Business – no other items presented.

6. **New Business**

- A. LTC Mary Bess - The council voted unanimously to purchase nametags for the Retiree Council Members at a cost not to exceed \$10.00 per nametag. LTC Bess will coordinate the purchase.
- B. 1SG Steven Shepard reported that the American Legion Chapter #331 located on the North Outer Road would be providing a free breakfast on Saturday morning, September 10, from 0600-0800 to retirees and their spouses.

- C. Two different organizations have volunteered to provide guest speakers for Retiree Appreciation Day. The subcommittee will make the selection.
7. Next Scheduled Meeting: Pershing Club, Regimental Room, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri at 0900 hours ~~17~~ May 2005.

  
JULIUS B. NUTTER.  
CSM, USA (RET)  
Presiding Co-Chairman